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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOTT

1. TRINIDAD IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING ANUMBER OF LARGE INVESTMENTS (E.G., ALUMINUM SMELTER, STEEL PLANT, PLANES FOR BWIA) THAT COULD INVOLVE HEAVY PURCHASES OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES. BECAUSE OF EXIMBANK'S LIMITED RESOURCES, THERE IS SOME CONCERN OVER WHETHER THE BANK WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE EVENT THAT THE GOTT WISHES TO SEEK EXIM FINANCING. EXIMBANK HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMALLY APPROACHED FOR FINANCING OF ABOUT DOLS 83 MILLION FOR AMMONIA PLANT AND POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT.

2. WHILE EMBASSY NEED NOT APPROACH GOTT AT THIS POINT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON WHICH INVESTMENTS GOTT IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW THRU ON, APPROXIMATE COSTS OF SUCH INVEST-
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MENTS, AND WHETHER THE INVESTMENTS ARE LIKELY TO INVOLVE

U.S. EXPORTS AND EXIMBANK FINANCING. IT ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL
IF THE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE SOME IDEA OF THE GOTT'S PRIORI-
TIES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS. THIS WOULD HELP IN SCREENING
APPLICATIONS IF IT APPEARS THAT REQUESTS FOR FINANCING WILL
EXCEED EXIM CAPABILITIES. KISSINGER

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